

**New Freedom Initiative  
Demonstration of Alternatives to Psychiatric Residential  
Treatment Facilities created by the Deficit Reduction Act  
Focused Open Door Forum  
Wednesday, April 26, 2006**

2:30pm-4pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)  
Conference Call Only

This New Freedom Initiative Open Door Forum will focus on Section 6063 of Deficit Reduction Act.

Short Summary of the Provision

Sec. 6063. Demonstration projects regarding home and community-based alternative to psychiatric residential treatment facilities for children

This five-year demonstration provides community-based alternatives to psychiatric residential treatment facilities for individuals under the age of 21. The Secretary is authorized during the period from FY 2007 through FY 2011 to conduct demonstration projects in up to 10 states. This proposal would appropriate \$218 million for the project period, and, of that amount, \$1 million is made available for required interim and final evaluations and reports.

This Open Door Forum will attempt to answer the following discussion questions:

- 1) What is the definition of psychiatric residential treatment facilities? Some states assert that there are few states with facilities that meet the statutory definition. Can state officials and other stakeholders please comment on any problems this definition raises?
- 2) Are there evidence based practices that are important to include in this demonstration program? Should states be encouraged to test new approaches under this demonstration?
- 3) The legislation requires CMS to measure the improvement or maintenance of a child's functional level. How should CMS implement this requirement?

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**General Public**

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